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Status					
1) Responsive to c	communication(s) filed on <u>Amer</u>	ndment filed March 8, 2005.			
2a)⊠ This action is FI	This action is FINAL . 2b) This action is non-final.				
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closed in accord	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.				
Disposition of Claims					
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-16</u> is	Claim(s) <u>1-16</u> is/are pending in the application.				
4a) Of the above	4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>17-26</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.				
_ 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed				,	
·	Claim(s) <u>1-6, 8-12, 14 and 16</u> is/are rejected.				
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8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.					
Application Papers					
9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.					
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.					
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).				
· •	Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.				
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Priority under 35 U.S.C.	§ 119				
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage					
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).					
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.					
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed March 8, 2005 have been acknowledged.

- 2. Examiner acknowledges amended claims 1, 12 and 14.
- 3. The objection to the specification is withdrawn due to applicant's submission of a new abstract.
- 4. The rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is withdrawn due to applicant's amended claims 1, 12 and 14.
- 5. The rejection of claims 1-3, 5-6 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by CN 1338499 is withdrawn due to applicant's submission of the translation of the Korean foreign priority documents.
- 6. The rejection of claims 1, 12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over CN 1338499 in view of Salbeck et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,211,369 is withdrawn due to applicant's submission of the translation of the Korean foreign priority documents.

Double Patenting

7. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686

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F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); In re Vogel, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, In re Thorington, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

8. Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14 and 16 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 30, 36-37, 59, 62-64, 66-67, 74 and 79-84 of copending Application No. 10/431,349. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both applications recite an organic electroluminescent device comprising an anode, a cathode and at least one layer located between the anode and the cathode. Additionally, both applications recite a light emitting layer, hole injecting or hole transporting layers and electron injecting or electron transporting layers. Also, both applications recite a light-emitting layer comprising a double spiro compound and a fluorescent or phosphorescent compound. The co-pending application does not specifically recite a double-spiro compound wherein R1 through R24 are substitutent groups, identical or different, and wherein not all of R1 through R24 are hydrogen, which is generic. However, the co-pending application does disclose compounds 21-24 that are double spiro compounds wherein not all of R1 through R24 are hydrogen. Therefore, it would have

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been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use double spiro compounds 21-24 as they are species within the generic group of double spiro compounds.

This is a <u>provisional</u> obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

9. Claims 7, 13 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not provide for the recited electroluminescent device comprising a double-spiro compound selected from the chemical compounds 100-127, 130, 132, 135-137, 200-222 and 400-413.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments filed March 8, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicant argues that claim 1 is generic to the restricted species. Applicant made species election for claims 7, 13 and 15. Claim 1 is generic. Compounds 21-24 of co-pending application 10/431,349 read on instant claim 1 for the generic double spiro compounds wherein not all of R1 through R24 are hydrogen. The rejection is maintained.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena L Dye, can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the Group is (703) 872-9306.

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